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## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## ANNUAL REPORT

## OF THE

## TRUSTEES OF THE MASSACHUSETTS

## STATE LIBRARY

## FOR THE

## FISCAL YEAR ENDING

JUNE 30, 1947

Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, Chairman

Layce D. Metcalf

Donald W. Nicholson

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives  
in General Court Assembled:

The Trustees of the State Library make this their thirty-eighth annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1947, under the provisions of Chapter 6, Section 37, of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.).

Dr. Daniel L. Marsh was re-appointed a Trustee and his appointment was confirmed at a meeting of the Governor and Council held October 21, 1946.

Dr. Keyes D. Metcalf was re-appointed a Trustee and his appointment was confirmed at a meeting of the Governor and Council held June 24, 1947.

Upon his election as President of the Senate in January 1947, Senator Donald W. Nicholson became Trustee ex officio.

The Trustees transmit herewith the Librarian's report and incorporate it as part of this record.

Dr. Daniel L. Marsh, Chairman

Keyes D. Metcalf

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## LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

I have the honor to submit the following report on the work done in the Massachusetts State Library during the year ending June 30, 1947:

### Tabulation of Activities

#### Main Room:

Circulation,.....	18,803	volumes
Telephone reference questions,.....	2,054	
Daily average attendance,.....	50	

#### Legislative Reference Room:

Circulation,.....	1,333	volumes
Telephone reference questions,.....	240	
Total attendance,.....	1,204	

#### Newspaper Room:

Circulation,.....	4,980	
Total attendance,.....	2,390	

During the year there was no special appropriation for the expansion of the State Library. With the completion of the work in the Library Annex space has been made available for many collections/in crowded sections in the Main Library.

With the utilization of an entire floor in the New England Deposit Library it was possible to move there many bound and unbound newspaper files, legislative documents, laws and vital records of cities and towns. For the present, at least, it is possible to take care of annual growth through a continuation of a policy of moving certain collections to the Annex or the Depository Library.



A recommendation was made that the Main Reading Room be redecorated and repainted. This work is the responsibility of the State Superintendent of Buildings. His appropriation for the year was not adequate for this work. The recommendation will be renewed.

Miss Ingeborg C. Haseltine, who was appointed Junior Library Assistant September 11, 1946, resigned January 6, 1947. Mrs. Barbara Smith was appointed to this position April 1, 1947. Mrs. Smith had served previously for 12 years as Senior Library Assistant. Miss Mary E. Harkins, Junior Clerk, resigned January 31, 1947. Miss Helen E. White was appointed to fill this vacancy April 15, 1947. Miss E. Marion Akerley, to whom a leave of absence was granted on account of illness in December 1946, returned to work February 1, 1947.

#### Recataloging

Number of volumes and pamphlets represented in new catalogue, June 30, 1946.....	487,215
Number of volumes and pamphlets added to new catalogue during year.....	23,503
Number of volumes and pamphlets removed from catalogue by reduction by binding and discarding.....	455,625
Number of volumes and pamphlets in new catalogue June 30, 1947.....	177

This total 67,563 volumes and pamphlets are of the law collection.

Wanda S. Bailey,  
State Librarian



## ACCESSIONS

Number of books and pamphlets added to the Library from July 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947:

### Books

By purchase (including maps, etc.),.....	1,339	
By domestic exchange,.....	1,245	
By foreign exchange,.....	86	
By gifts,.....	1,981	
Massachusetts state publications,.....	<u>496</u>	5,147

### Pamphlets

By purchase,.....	420	
By domestic exchange,.....	1,898	
By foreign exchange,.....	123	
By gifts,.....	3,137	
Massachusetts state publications,.....	<u>660</u>	6,238
Total,.....		11,385
Previous total,.....		<u>649,746</u>
Total number of books and pamphlets accessioned,.....		661,131
Reduction by binding,.....	9	
Reduction by discarding,.....	<u>168</u>	<u>177</u>
Total number of volumes and pamphlets in the Library, June 30, 1947,.....		<u><u>660,954</u></u>

### Recataloging

Volumes and pamphlets represented in new catalogue, June 30, 1946,.....	487,115
Volumes and pamphlets added to new catalogue during year,....	<u>12,505</u>
	499,620
Less reduction by binding and discarding,.....	<u>177</u>
Total number of volumes and pamphlets in new catalogue June 30, 1947,.....	<u><u>499,443</u></u>

Of this total 67,565 volumes and pamphlets are of the Law Collection.

Dennis A. Dooley,  
State Librarian.